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(57) **Abstract:** The invention is directed to a method of preventing and treating a patient having a risk factor and/or a symptom of cardiovascular disease using an immunogenic composition comprising an immunogenically effective portion of Porphyromonas gingivalis in a pharmaceutically effective carrier substance, and a vaccine for same.